



FIRST STEPS

Call your own insurance agent and report the incident immediately. Your failure to report the incident to your own insurance company, whether it's auto or homeowners, can jeopardize your rights under the insurance coverage that you purchased.

Many times in an auto-collision case, your own insurance company will help you get an estimate for the repair cost. This is important for two reasons:

1. If you have collision coverage under your own policy, it takes away the adverse insurance company's ability to low-ball you in getting your vehicle repaired;
2. The estimate you have in hand from your own insurance company will serve as a counter-balance to the estimate provided by the insurance company for the person who caused the collision. They are often very different.

Regardless of the kind of injury case you have, obtain photographs of the scene of the fall, the vehicle that you were driving, or any other pertinent information that can be shown by a photograph. This is one of the best reasons to consult an attorney early. At our office, we will know what photographs to obtain immediately to preserve evidence. This is not just of the scene or the location of your injury but often time can involve bruising on your body, lacerations, stitches, or other horrible displays of the extent of your injuries.

